



### From the Director of Victim Services

Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision week (PPPSWeek) was July 19-25, 2020. It is an annual celebration of the great work done by community corrections professionals each day. In every community, you're working hard to change lives for the better. We want to take a moment to say, 'Thank You.'

Probation/Parole Officers play a critical role in providing public safety for crime victims. Victims of crime have a variety of needs, some of which evolve throughout the criminal justice process— from arrest to trial to sentencing and beyond. Probation and parole agencies and officials have important obligations for both implementing victims' rights and providing services to victims. When victims are considered "clients" of community corrections agencies, they are more likely to be kept informed and involved and to receive information about and access to community- and system-based services that can help them in the aftermath of a crime. In return, crime victims often are able to share useful information that can be critical to effective management and supervision of defendants/convicted offenders. Proactive engagement of victims ensures two-way communications that are beneficial to victims and to supervising agencies.

*Tamika Dobbins*

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### Victim Services Mission

*To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.*

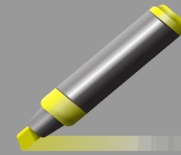
### Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

### Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

# Victims Services Highlights....Let's meet

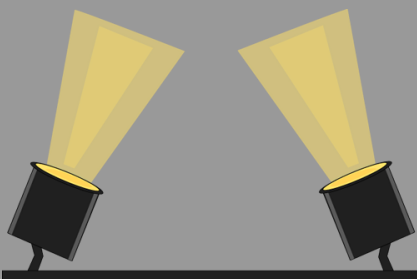


Victim Services collaborates with several different agencies to provide the best service possible for crime victims. Earlier in the month one of our Probation/Parole Officers reached out to the Victim Services Division needing assistance with a victims address to mail the victim their restitution that was ordered by the court. We did not have the victim listed in our system but our friends over at the Davidson County District Attorney's Office was able to do some investigating and provided us with a new address for the victim and the officer was able

to get the restitution to the victim. Pictured above is Lindsay Brown, Victim Witness Coordinator who helped us with getting the updated information we needed.

Lindsay Brown graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor's in Social Work and moved to Nashville in 2013. She started her career at DCS as a Family Services worker and then moved to Investigations before starting at the Davidson County DA's Office in February 2016 as a Domestic Violence Victim Witness Coordinator. DV Victim Witness call victims to discuss the incident, give court date information and discuss what the victims want to happen with their cases. Lindsay then moved to the Crimes Against Children division within the DA's Office where she keeps families updated on court information, schedules meetings to discuss potential outcomes, assists in filing for victim's compensation and attends court. Lindsay is passionate about providing services to and advocating for the families of Davidson County while seeking justice for its most vulnerable—children.

Lindsay is married with one daughter and another on the way. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing tennis and being involved in the marriage ministry at their church.



## Red Sand Project: Statewide Human Trafficking Initiative

End Slavery Tennessee (ESTN), along with other community organizations, will partner with the Tennessee Department of Health during the week of July 27 - August 2, 2020 to bring awareness and education to the citizens of Tennessee on human trafficking.

The Red Sand Project is an interactive art exhibition designed to raise awareness of human trafficking. By spreading red sand in sidewalk cracks, the project brings attention to those who have "fallen through the cracks" in society. Red Sand Project installations have taken place in 70 countries around the world. Hundreds of thousands of tool kits have been distributed to over 1,000,000 people.

The Red Sand Project has been implemented by individuals and organizations worldwide! Students, educators, businesses, nonprofit organizations, celebrities and survivors, have all joined the fight against human trafficking.

Sidewalk installations are simple. Pour red sand in a sidewalk crack, take a photo and post it to social media using the hashtags #RedSandProject and #ITHasToStopTN. Red sand can be used anywhere there is a crack in a sidewalk or in a high foot-trafficked area in your community. Be sure to ask for permission before installation.

### Important Dates

July 30th - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

July 30th - Red Sand Collective Pouring across the state



### TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls		June	Notifications		June
Phone calls Received/Returned		174	Registration		166
Parties Registered for Notifications		161	Movement		15
Harassment/Threats/No Contact		5	Advance Release		247
Referrals		48	Final Release *		66
Release/Parole Inquiry		43	Death		14
Other		69	Other		51

# Announcements



18th Annual Conference

## Collaboration 2020: A New Vision of Equality & Awareness

August 10-11, 2020

Registration is Free!

Join us August 10-11 for our 18th Annual Conference. This year, Annual Conference is a free and virtual training opportunity. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMDNGM3>



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